



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Criminal Justice Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

The DVCC Criminal Justice Committee met on September 7, 2017, at 1pm at the Middletown Police Department. Attending the meeting were Linda Carmichael (Superior Court), Adrienne Owen (DSP), Melissa Kearney (P&P), Brendan O'Neill (ODS), Melanie Lahutsky (Superior Court), Moe Monagle (DVCC Staff) and Natasha Smith (DVCC Staff). Present for the meeting via phone were Kathy Hudson (NMH) and Ann Altemus (Child Inc.).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order.

Introductions: Introductions were made by all attendees.

Approve Minutes from May 3, 2017: Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

Project Passport

Claire DeMatteis (Family Court) will provide an update on Project Passport at the next DVCC Criminal Justice Committee meeting.

Law Enforcement Training

Natasha Smith (DVCC) stated that the Law Enforcement Training met and is making preparations for the upcoming law enforcement training. The 2017 Annual Law Enforcement Training is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 6, 2017 at Polytech Adult Education Center in Woodside, DE. The conference will focus on the use of technology in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. The training will also include a case overview from a Newark Police Department Detective.

Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Natasha Smith stated that the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Ad Hoc Advisory Board met on August 30, 2017. Those who attended that meeting discussed confidentiality, information sharing between agencies and risk assessment tools used by domestic violence high risk teams. The Ad Hoc Advisory Board will continue to meet and present a summary report at an upcoming DVCC Quarterly meeting.

Pursuant to DE Code: Title 29 § 10004 (e)(2), the Council shall pre-announce all Executive Sessions; however, such agenda shall be subject to change to include additional items including Executive Sessions which may arise at the time of the Council's meeting.

Body Cameras

Natasha Smith stated that Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV) attended the Delaware Police Chiefs Council Meeting on June 13th to share concerns about victim safety as it relates to the Body Worn Camera Model Policy. The Delaware Police Chiefs Council decided to reconvene the model policy workgroup to include representation from the advocacy community.

Announcements/Updates

The Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation Signing will take place on October 4, 2017 at 11am in the Wilmington Governor's Office.

Melissa Kearney announced that the Victim Service Position within New Castle County Probation and Parole has been filled.

The DVCC Quarterly meeting will take place on September 11, 2017 at 1pm at Buena Vista.

Melissa Kearney (P&P) stated that recently Probation and Parole has been telling victims that if there is a no contact provision as a part of the Probation and Parole sentencing the victim should contact police. Melissa states that the victim will also go to Family Court to file for a PFA order and questions arise as to why the victim would file a PFA petition if there is already a no contact order in place. This issue will be added to the next meeting's agenda.